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Dear Dr. Lederburg:

I am continuing to study the induction of various concentrating systems in E. coli which I had been doing with Aaron Novick in Chicago.

To help with this work I need:

- 1.) A  $K_{12}$  lambda sensitive strain which possesses an absolute thymine requirement amongst its markers.
- 2.) A  $T_2r$  or  $T_4r$  stock which will infect but not multiply on  $K_{1,2}$  lambda under usual conditions.
- 3.) An Hfr strain which is  $\Delta ac_1$ , and an Hfr strain which is  $\Delta ac_4$ .

If you have any of these available, I should appreciate very much receiving them from you. We have obtained both a M-lac\_ and a M-lac\_ mutant of W1895; but both of these give recombination rates for protrophy with W2035, only about 0.1% as high as the parent Hfr.

Thank you for any assistance with the above.

Sincerely yours,

Milton Weiner, M.D.

He maruel Fernis's daughter